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Washington Department of Natural Resources
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Washington Department of Transportation
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Olympia, WA 98504
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Washington Department of Wildlife
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**We All Live
Downstream**

**Caring for
Washington's
natural resources**

Water is our most precious resource. We affect water quality through our everyday activities, such as the products we use in our homes and what we throw away. We all have a responsibility to protect water quality for our use and enjoyment as well as for fish, wildlife, and plant life.

Did you know...



- Each year, Americans discard about 60 billion cans, 28 billion bottles, 4 million tons of plastic, 40 million tons of paper, 100 million tires, and 3 million cars.
- For a fertilized salmon egg, the odds are 1,000-to-1 that it will hatch, grow into an adult fish, and return home to spawn.
- Nearly 55 percent of the state of Washington is forested lands—23.2 million acres.
- There are about 10,000 rivers and streams stretching over 16,000 miles in the Puget Sound basin.
- It takes about 450 years for a plastic 6-pack yoke to decompose.
- Some of the largest octopuses in the world can be found under the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.
- Birds have a third eyelid which acts as a pair of built-in sunglasses.

How to protect water quality...

...at home



- Spray chemicals on your lawn or garden only when you actually see the pest or disease.
- Don't overwater your treated garden or yard. Sprinkling too heavily will wash off the chemicals.
- Use less-toxic alternatives for household cleaners. For ideas, call the Hazardous Substance Information Office at 1-800-633-7585.
- Never dump paint, solvents, or pesticides in sewers or storm drains. Dispose at your local hazardous waste collection events.

...while hiking and camping



- Stay on established paths and trails to avoid trampling the vegetation.
- Camp at least 100 feet from streams and lakes.
- Camp on snow, sand, or rock instead of vegetation if possible.
- Wash your dishes at least 200 feet from the water. Minimize your use of soaps to reduce pollution.
- Dig a latrine hole at least 200 feet away from water. Bury your toilet paper.

**...while
working on
your car**



- Fix oil leaks. This keeps oil from running off into our water supply.
- When you change your oil, recycle it. You can also recycle used car batteries. Call 1-800-RECYCLE for locations and information.

**...by other
activities**



- Join a program to adopt a stream or beach. Call 467-0278 or 1-800-54-SOUND for a list of programs.
- Learn more about our natural environment. Visit nature centers, wildlife refuges, aquariums, or natural history museums. Most have films, tours, interpretive trails, and activities to help you learn while having fun.

In the spirit of cooperation, natural resources agencies and organizations have come together at the Western Washington Fair under one common theme: "We all live downstream." Our individual goals may vary somewhat but we have one thing in common: A commitment to protect and enhance Washington's natural resources.

Participating agencies and organizations



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